

REMARKS

The claims have been revised patentably to distinguish the invention over the prior art. Claim 34 has been amended to change the transitional phrase to "consisting of" and the container is now stated to have "an opening at each end of thereof." Claim 42 has been canceled as its features have been incorporated into claim 34; the dependency of claim 43 has been changed to depend from claim 34.

The claims before the Examiner are claims 34 to 37, 39, 41, 43, and 44.

The rejection of the claims under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over GB '777 in view of Meares et al. '426 is respectfully traversed. Applicants respectfully submit initially that no motivation is found in the references themselves for their combination; that motivation is provided by a hindsight review of the specification and the instant claims. In addition, claim 34 has been limited by use of the term "consisting of" and by stating that the container is one having an opening at each end thereof. The primary reference shows a sustained release device whose ends are closed with a water-soluble sugar cap; see elements 9 and 10 in Fig. 1 and the

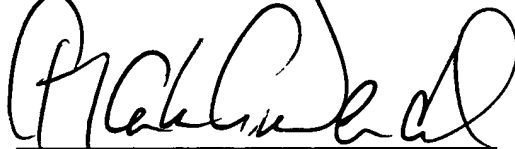
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discussion in the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 of the reference. The secondary reference is cited to show a bleomycin analog complexed with a radioactive material and does not supply that which is missing from the primary reference. The references jointly considered do not teach or suggest the instant invention. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims, as revised, patentably define over the art and a USPTO paper to those ends is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

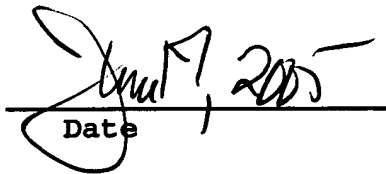
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